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General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

10.30 a.m. . . . . 52nd plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

3 p.m. . . . . 53rd plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Sport for peace and development: [23 (a) and (b)]: *joint debate*

   (a) Building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal: draft resolution (A/58/L.9)

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Security Council

The Presidency of the Security Council for the month of November 2003 (Angola), will hold a briefing to the press on the programme of work for the month of November, on Tuesday, 4 November 2003, following the consultations of the whole, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226). Delegations can view the Press briefing in Studio 4 located in the First Basement.

The presidency of the Security Council for the month of November 2003 (Angola), will provide a briefing to all Member States and Observers on the programme of work for the month of November, on Tuesday, 4 November 2003, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

The monthly tentative forecast has been made available to Member States in accordance with the Notes by the President of the Security Council dated 27 July 1993 (S/26176) and 30 April 1998 (S/1998/354). In accordance with the aforementioned decisions, copies of the tentative forecast have been placed in the delegations' boxes and may be collected at the delegations' pick-up areas as of Monday, 3 November 2003.

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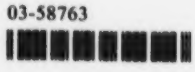

(b) International Year of Sport and Physical Education: draft resolution (A/58/L.2)

2. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency . . . . . [14]

(a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (A/58/312)

(b) Draft resolution (A/58/L.10)

3. Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies: report of the Secretary-General (A/58/392) [20]

4.30 p.m. . . . . 53rd plenary meeting (resumed) . . . . . Conference Room 4

Address by His Excellency Mr. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda

Main Committees

First Committee

2.30–4.30 p.m. . . . . 20th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Action on all draft resolutions submitted under all disarmament and international security agenda items (items 62-80):

Documents of the First Committee: *item 65* (A/C.1/58/L.11, A/C.1/58/L.58); *item 73* (A/58/117, A/58/117/Add.1, A/58/117/Add.2, A/58/129, A/58/129/Add.1, A/58/130, A/58/138, A/58/162, A/58/162/Add.1, A/58/176, A/58/176/Add.1, A/58/207, A/58/208, A/58/208/Add.1, A/58/406, A/58/848, A/C.1/58/4, A/C.1/58/L.1/Rev.1, A/C.1/58/L.56, A/C.1/58/L.15, A/C.1/58/L.18/Rev.1, A/C.1/58/L.19, A/C.1/58/L.60, A/C.1/58/L.25/Rev.1, A/C.1/58/L.26, A/C.1/58/L.27, A/C.1/58/L.39/Rev.1*, A/C.1/58/L.40/Rev.1*, A/C.1/58/L.46/Rev.1, A/C.1/58/L.47); *item 74* (A/58/122, A/58/139, A/58/177, A/58/190, A/58/203, A/58/274, A/C.1/58/L.54/Rev.1); *item 76* (A/58/259, A/58/137, A/58/137 (Part I), A/58/137 (Part I)/Add.1, A/58/137 (Part I)/Add.1/Corr.1, A/58/137 (Part II), A/C.1/58/L.23) (other documents: A/C.1/58/1, A/C.1/58/2, A/C.1/58/3, A/C.1/58/3/Add.1, A/C.1/58/INF.1, A/C.1/58/INF.2, A/C.1/58/INF.2*, A/C.1/58/INF.2/Add.1, A/C.1/58/INF.2/Add.2, A/C.1/58/INF.2/Add.3, A/C.1/58/INF.2/Add.4)

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 18th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (A/58/13, A58/13/Add.1, A/58/13/Corr.1, A/58/119, A/58/205, A/58/206, A/58/256, A/58/339 and A/58/450) . . . . . [83]

General debate

Second Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 23rd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

1. Address by the President of the fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly

2. Macroeconomic policy questions . . . . . [91]

(a) International trade and development (A/58/15 (Part I), A/58/15 (Part II), A/58/15 (Part III), A/58/15 (Part IV), A/58/15 (Part V), A/58/154, A/58/204, A/58/301, A/58/414 and A/C.2/58/9)

(g) Commodities (A/58/204 and A/58/401)

Introduction and general discussion

3–4.30 p.m. . . . . 24th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

1. Macroeconomic policy questions . . . . . [91]

(b) Science and Technology for development

Introduction of draft proposals A/C.2/58/L.6 and A/C.2/58/L.20

(c) Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries

(f) Outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.16

(d) International financial system and development

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.17

(e) External debt crisis and development

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.18

2. Environment and sustainable development . . . . . [94]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.12

(b) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.7 and A/C.2/58/L.15

(c) Convention on Biological Diversity

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.11

(e) International strategy for disaster reduction

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.10

(f) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.14

(g) Sustainable mountain development

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.22

3. Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development . . . [95]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.9

4. United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development . . . . . [96]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.13

5. Training and research . . . . . [99]

(b) United Nations System Staff College in Turin, Italy

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.21

6. Macroeconomic policy questions . . . . . [91]

(a) International trade and development (A/58/15 (Part I), A/58/15 (Part II), A/58/15 (Part III), A/58/15 (Part IV), A/58/15 (Part V)*, A/58/154, A/58/204, A/58/301, A/58/414 and A/C.2/58/9)

(g) Commodities (A/58/204 and A/58/401)

Continuation of general discussion

Afternoon[1] . . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 4

Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of Ms. Irena Zubčevic (Croatia): A/C.2/58/L.12 (item 94); A/C.2/58/L.7 and A/C.2/58/L.5 (item 94 (b)); A/C.2/58/L.11 (item 94 (c)); A/C.2/58/L.10 (item 94 (e)); A/C.2/58/L.14 (item 94 (f)); A/C.2/58/L.22 (item 94 (g)); A/C.2/58/L.8 and A/C.2/58/L.9 (item 95); and A/C.2/58/L.13 (item 96)

Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of Mr. Henri S. Raubenheimer (South Africa): A/C.2/58/L.6 and A/C.2/58/L.19 (item 91(b)); A/C.2/58/L.16 (item 91 (c) and (f)); A/C.2/58/L.17 (item 91 (d)); and A/C.2/58/L.18 (item 91 (e))

[1] Following the adjournment of the resumed 53rd plenary meeting of the General Assembly in Conference Room 4.

Third Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 30th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

3–4.30 p.m. . . . . 31st meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions (A/58/3, A/58/12(Suppl.), A/58/12/Add.1(Suppl.)[1], A/58/281, A/58/299, A/58/353, A/58/410 and A/58/415-S/2003/952) . . . . . [112]

Introduction, dialogue with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and general discussion

[1] To be issued.

Fifth Committee

9.30 a.m. . . . . 14th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

1. United Nations common system (A/58/30) . . . . . [126]

Introduction and general discussion

2. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 . . . . . [121]

Information technology (A/57/620, A/58/377, A/58/7 and A/58/7/Corr.1)

Development account (A/58/404 and A/58/7/Add.5)

United Nations Fund for International Partnerships (A/58/173)

Comprehensive review of the post structure of the Secretariat (A/58/398 and A/58/7/Add.5)

Cost implications of providing more predictable and adequate conference services to the meetings of regional and other major groupings of Member States (A/58/397 and A/58/7/Add.5)

Proportion of General Service staff to Professional staff in the regional commissions (A/58/403 and A/58/7/Add.5)

Improving and modernizing the conference facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi (A/58/530 and A/58/7/Add.6)

Additional expenditures deriving from inflation and currency fluctuations (A/58/400 and A/58/7/Add.5)

Conclusion of general discussion

3. Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 . . . . . [120]

Financial situation of the United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (A/58/426 and A/58/7/Add.7)

Introduction and conclusion of general discussion

Morning[1]–12.30 p.m. . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005)

Cross-cutting issues: restoration of budget cuts; flexibility; personnel matters; staff costs, consultants and experts; travel; publications and information technology

Foreward and Introduction (A/58/6 (Introduction) and A/58/6/Corr.1)

Section 1: Overall policy-making, direction and coordination (A/58/6 (Sect. 1))

Section 2: General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services (A/58/6 (Sect.2))

Part II (Political affairs)

Section 3: Political affairs (A/58/6 (Sect. 3, A/58/6 (Sect. 3)/Corr.1 and A/58/6 (Sect. 3)/Corr.2)

Section 4: Disarmament (A/58/6 (Sect. 4))

[1] Following the adjournment of the 14th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

Section 5: Peacekeeping operations (A/58/6 (Sect. 5))

Section 6: Peaceful uses of outer space (A/58/6 (Sect.6))

2.30–4.45 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005): information technology (A/57/620, A/58/377, A/58/7 and A/58/7/Corr.1)); and Report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Managing information in the United Nations system organizations: management information systems" (A/58/82, A/58/82/Add.1 and A/58/389))

Sixth Committee

10 a.m. . . . . 20th meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-fifth session (A/58/10) . . . . . [152]

Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property . . . . . [150]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/58/L.20

Scope of legal protection under the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel . . . . . [157]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/58/L.22

3 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.6/58/L.18 (item 155 (Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization))

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL)

General Assembly

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Informal consultations on agenda item 52 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1343 (2001) concerning Liberia

4 p.m.[1] . . . . . 21st meeting (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 7

[1] The Chairman of the Committee will give an oral briefing to interested Member States of the United Nations in Conference Room 7, immediately following the meeting. Following the oral briefing, the Chairman will give a briefing to the press.

Other meetings

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Monday, 3 November 2003

Group of 77 *(Second Committee: partnerships)*

10–11 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Group of 77 *(Second Committee issues)*

11–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

UNITAR French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Towards global partnership" (agenda item 46) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy)

11 a.m.–12 noon . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on religious and cultural understanding, harmony and cooperation (A/57/L.12/Rev.2) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Pakistan)

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

African Group *(on the draft resolution on refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa) (Third Committee)*

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Introduction to Third Committee experts of the draft resolution on human rights and terrorism (agenda item 117 (b)) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Algeria)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on elimination of all forms of religious intolerance (agenda item 117 (b)) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Ireland)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on violence against women (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Arab Group *(at the ambassadorial level)*

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

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Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on international covenants on human rights (agenda item 117 (a)) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Rights of the child" (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union) and the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Briefing on the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) (organized by the United Nations Information and Communication Technologies Task Force)

There will be a briefing by Mr. Mark Furrer, State Secretary, Director of the Federal Office of Communications, Switzerland; Mr. Daniel Stauffacher, Delegate of the Swiss Federal Council for the World Summit; Mr Adolf Ogi, Special Adviser of the Swiss Government to the World Summit; Mr. Shashi Tharoor, Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information; and Mr. Nitin Desai, Special Advisor to the Secretary-General on the World Summit on the Information Society, on the first phase of the World Summit, to be held in Geneva from 10 to 12 December 2003. The briefing, organized by the United Nations Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Task Force, will take place on Monday, 3 November 2003, at *11.30 a.m.* in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Background material on the World Summit can be obtained on the following Web site: www.itu.int/wsis/. For further information, please contact Mr. Samuel Danofsky, ICT Task Force secretariat (e-mail danofsky@un.org).

Panel discussion on microcredit

There will be a panel discussion on microcredit, co-organized by the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States and the Microcredit Summit Campaign, on the occasion of the release of the *State of the Microcredit Summit Campaign Report*, on Monday, 3 November 2003, from 1 to 2.15 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of the permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Carol Sakubita (tel. 1 (917) 367-5710).

Symposia on population and development

Symposium II on "Family Planning, Reproductive Health and Development", organized by the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States and the Office of the Permanent Observer of Partners in Population and Development to the United Nations, will be held on Monday, 3 November 2003, from 3 to 5 p.m., in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend [For further information: tel. 1 (212) 457-1828; e-mail rgarvey@ppdsec.org].

United Nations Administrative Tribunal

The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will hold closed meetings on Monday, 3 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in room DC2-0461.

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Monday, 3 November 2003

Room S-226

4 p.m. . . . . H.E. Mr. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda

Forthcoming official meetings

Tuesday, 4 November 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

10 a.m. . . . . 54th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba . . . . . [29]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/58/287)

(b) Draft resolution (A/58/L.4)

3 p.m. . . . . 55th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. The situation in Central America: progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development: reports of the Secretary-General (A/58/262, A/58/267, A/58/270) . . . . . [26]
2. Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic . . . . . [27]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/58/265)

(b) Draft resolution (A/58/L.12)

3. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) . . . . . [32]
4. The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti . . . . . [33]

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 15th meeting on Tuesday, 4 November 2003, at 9.30 a.m. in Conference Room 3, immediately followed by informal consultations (closed) in Conference Room 5. Informal consultations (closed) will also be held at 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

Delegations wishing to participate in the general debate on agenda item 84 (Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories) are kindly urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers as soon as possible (room S-2977; tel. 1 (212) 963-9223).

Second Committee

Briefing

A keynote address to the Second Committee delegates will be made by Mr. Mark Malloch Brown, Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, on "Rebuilding Peace: The Development Dimensions of Crisis and Post-Conflict Management", on Tuesday, 4 November 2003, from 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Iftekhar Chowdhury (Bangladesh), Chairman of the Second Committee. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Summaries, background papers and statements for Second Committee panel discussions and keynote addresses may be accessed on the Economic and Social Council Web site at www.un.org/esa/coordination/ecosoc.

Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on "Science and technology for Sustainable Development", organized by the Department for Economic and Social Affairs, on Wednesday, 5 November 2003, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Iftekhar Chowdhury (Bangladesh), Chairman of the Second Committee. Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information please contact DESA Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination (tel. 1 (212) 963-4201; or e-mail ecosocinfo@un.org). Summaries, background papers and statements for Second Committee panel discussions and keynote addresses may be accessed on the ECOSOC Web site at (www.un.org/esa/coordination/ecosoc).

Informal dialogue

There will be a dialogue between the Second Committee and the new Chief Economist of the World Bank, Mr. François Bourguignon, on Wednesday, 5 November 2003, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Third Committee

The Third Committee will hear introductory statements by the Special Rapporteurs and Special Representatives presenting reports to the Committee, as follows:

Under agenda item 117:

Monday, 10 November 2003, at 3 p.m.: Ms. Hina Jilani (Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Human Rights Defenders); Mr. Peter Leuprecht (Special Representative of the Secretary-General for human rights in Cambodia); and Ms. Gabriela Rodríguez Pizarro (Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants);

Tuesday, 11 November, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Abdelfattah Amor (Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief); Mr. Theo van Boven (Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment); and Mr. Francis Deng (Special Representative of the Secretary-General on internally displaced persons); *at 3 p.m.*: Mr. Jean Ziegler (Special Rapporteur on the right to food); Mr. Paul Hunt (Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health); and Ms. Yakin Ertürk (Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences); and

Wednesday, 12 November, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Paulo Sérgio Pinheiro (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar); Ms. Marie-Thérèse Aïssata Kéita-Bocoum (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Burundi); and Ms. Iulia Motoc (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo); *at 3 p.m.*: Mr. Andreas Mavrommatis (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Iraq); and Mr. John Dugard (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967).

Following the introduction of each of these reports, the floor will be open to members of the Committee for dialogue, questions and comments. All interested members of the Committee are invited to participate.

United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities

The 2003 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities will be held on Tuesday, 4 November 2003, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4. It would be appreciated if delegations could submit the names of their representatives to the pledging conference, in writing, to Ms. Lorna Fidler (tel. 1 (212) 963-2319; fax 1 (212) 963-5935). The list of speakers is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact Ms. Lorna Fidler.

Disarmament Commission

The 2003 organizational session of the Disarmament Commission will be held on Thursday, 6 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. All Member States are invited to attend.

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Informal consultations on agenda item 52 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 52 (b) (Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held on Tuesday, 4 November 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m., and on Friday, 7 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations under agenda item 47 (Follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS)

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS" (agenda item 47), organized under the auspices of the Office of the President of the General Assembly and facilitated by H.E. Mr. Denis Dangue Réwaka, Permanent Representative of Gabon to the United Nations, on Tuesday, 4 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7. [The draft resolution was forwarded to Member States on 31 October 2003. All delegations are invited to attend.]

Other forthcoming meetings

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JUSCANZ Group ***(on Second Committee matters)***

There will be a meeting of the JUSCANZ Group *(on Second Committee matters)* on Tuesday, 4 November 2003, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room 9.

JUSCANZ Group ***(on Third Committee matters)***

There will be meetings of the JUSCANZ Group *(on Third Committee matters)*, as follows: 4 November 2003, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room A; 11 November, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room B; and from 17 to 21 November, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room D.

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on international covenants on human rights (agenda item 117 (a)) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

There will be open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on international covenants on human rights (agenda item 117 (a)) (Third Committee), organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden, on Tuesday, 4 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Open-ended informal consultations on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" (agenda item 111) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Colombia)

Open-ended informal consultations on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" (agenda item 111) (Third Committee), organized by the Permanent Mission of Colombia, will be held on Tuesday, 4 November 2003, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Human Rights

There will be meetings of the Working Group on Human Rights of the Non-Aligned Movement on Tuesday, 4 November 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B, and on Friday, 7 November, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Open-ended informal consultations on paragraph 62 of General Assembly resolution 57/270 B entitled "Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields" (agenda item 50) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

There will be open-ended informal consultations on paragraph 62 of General Assembly resolution 57/270 B entitled "Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields" (agenda item 50), organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden, on Tuesday, 4 November 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Implementation of the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)" (A/C.2/58/L.4) (Second Committee) (agenda item 98) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil)

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Implementation of the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)" (A/C.2/58/L.4) (Second Committee) (agenda item 98), organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil, on Wednesday, 5 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Towards global partnership" (agenda item 46) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy)

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Towards global partnership" (agenda item 46), organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, on 5 and 7 November 2003 from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 7.

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on elimination of all forms of religious intolerance (agenda item 117 (b)) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Ireland)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on elimination of all forms of religious intolerance (agenda item 117 (b)) (Third Committee), organized by the Permanent Mission of Ireland, will be held on Wednesday, 5 November 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Briefing on human rights treaty body reform

The briefing on human rights treaty body reform, organized by the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, has been postponed to *Wednesday, 5 November 2003*, from 12.30 to 2 p.m. in Conference Room 7. For further information, please contact Mr. Craig Mokhiber (tel. 1 (917) 367-5208).

UNITAR briefing on "Developments in Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea"

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea of the Office of Legal Affairs are jointly organizing a briefing on "Developments in Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea". The briefing, to be conducted in English, will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, 5 and 6 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684 or 963-9196).

Meeting to address U.S.-Russian non-proliferation measures to meet global security challenges (organized by the Permanent Missions of the Russian Federation and the United States)

The U.S. Secretary of Energy, Mr. Spencer Abraham, and the Minister of Atomic Energy of the Russian Federation, Mr. Alexander Rumyantsev, will co-host a meeting to address U.S.-Russian non-proliferation measures to meet global security challenges. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, 5 November 2003, at 4 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Meeting of interested delegations on the draft resolution entitled "Responding to global threats and challenges" (A/58/L.7) (agenda item 60) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation)

There will be a meeting of interested delegations on the draft resolution entitled "Responding to global threats and challenges" (A/58/L.7) (agenda item 60), organized by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation, on Thursday, 6 November 2003, from 3.30 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Symposia on population and development

The symposia on population and development, organized by the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States and the Office of the Permanent Observer of Partners in Population and Development to the United Nations, will continue at Headquarters, as follows:

Symposium III on "Empowerment of Women": Monday, 10 November, from 3 to 5.30 p.m., in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium; and

Symposium IV on "Population and HIV/AIDS": Wednesday, 19 November, from 4 to 6 p.m., in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend [For further information: tel. 1 (212) 457-1828; e-mail rgarvey@ppdsec.org].

UNITAR Briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council. The briefing is intended primarily for representatives of those States that will be members of the Council in 2004. Depending on the availability of seats, delegates from other States may attend as observers. The briefing will be held on the following dates: Monday, 10 November, from 3 to 6 p.m.; Tuesday, 11 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 12 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; and Thursday, 13 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all States that will be members of the Security Council in 2004. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 5 November. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

Training session for all permanent missions in the use of Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs) for United Nations activities

A training session for all permanent missions in the use of Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs) for United Nations activities, organized by the Permanent Mission of Andorra, under the auspices of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics, will be held on Wednesday, 19 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 8.

UNITAR Workshop Series on Policy Awareness and Training in Information Technology

As part of the series on Policy Awareness and Training in Information Technology, the third and final high-level seminar of this year on "Policy Awareness and Security Issues on Information Technology", organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), will be held on Friday, 21 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4. This interactive seminar is primarily aimed at ambassadors and other diplomats. However, all interested staff members as well as representatives of non-governmental organizations are welcome to attend.

This is the second year of the series, presented under the auspices of the ICT Task Force and the Working Group on Informatics, and implemented with the active participation and sponsorship of Intel Corporation. For further information please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684).

Announcements

Security Council

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Summary of meetings

Friday, 31 October 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

50th plenary meeting

Report of the International Criminal Court of Justice . . . . . [13]

(a) Report of the International Court of Justice (A/58/4 and A/58/4/Corr.1)

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/58/295)

The General Assembly took note of the report of the International Court of Justice.

Mr. Shi Jiuyong, President of the International Court of Justice, made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Malaysia, Kenya, the Philippines, Japan, Madagascar, the Russian Federation and Nigeria.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 13.

Crime prevention and criminal justice . . . . . [108]

(a) Report of the Ad Hoc Committee of a Convention against Corruption on the work of its first to seventh session (A/58/422 and A/58/422/Add.1)

(b) Draft resolution (A/58/422, chapter IV, para. 103)

The Secretary-General of the United Nations made a statement.

H.E. Mr. Muhyieddeen Touq, Acting Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee for the Negotiation of a Convention against Corruption, made a statement in the course of which he introduced the report of the Ad Hoc Committee and the draft "United Nations Convention against Corruption".

Statements were made by H.E. Mr. Eduardo Romero, Secretary for the Public Function of Mexico; and H.E. The Honourable Anil Kumarsinghe Gayan, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Regional Cooperation of Mauritius, as well as by the representatives of Italy (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey), Rwanda (on behalf of the African Union), the United States and the Philippines.

Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly [55]; *United Nations reform: measures and proposals* [57]; *Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields* [58]; *Strengthening of the United Nations system: reports of the Secretary-General (A/57/786, A/58/175, A/58/351, A/58/382, A/58/395 and A/58/395/Corr.1)* [59]: *assessment by the President of the General Assembly of the debate*

The President of the General Assembly made a statement.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda items 55, 57, 58 and 59.

51st plenary meeting

Crime prevention and criminal justice . . . . . [108]

(a) Report of the Ad Hoc Committee of a Convention against Corruption on the work of its first to seventh session (A/58/422 and A/58/422/Add.1)

(b) Draft resolution (A/58/422, chapter IV, para.103)

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 108.

Statements were made by the representatives of China (on behalf of the Asian States), Switzerland, the Russian Federation, Indonesia, Nigeria, Japan, Peru, Jordan, Norway, Colombia and Lithuania (on behalf of the Eastern European States).

The representative of the Secretariat made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Ad Hoc Committee for the Negotiation of a Convention against Corruption in paragraph 103 of its report (A/58/422) (resolution 58/4).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 108.

Follow-up to the United Nations Year for Cultural Heritage . . . . . [42]

(a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the United Nations, Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) (A/58/402)

(b) Draft resolution (A/58/L.11)

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 57/158 of 16 December 2002, Mr. Koichiro Matsuura, Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, made a statement.

The representative of Egypt made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/58/L.11.

Statements were made by the representatives of China, New Zealand and Japan, as well as by H.E. Mr. Vinod Khanna, Minister of State for External Affairs of India.

The General Assembly was informed that action on draft resolution A/58/L.11 would be taken at a later date.

Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin: Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) (A/58/314). . . . . [43]

Statements were made by the representatives of Greece, Ukraine (on behalf of GUUAM States), Cyprus, Egypt, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Iceland and Ethiopia.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 43.

Main Committees

Third Committee

29th meeting

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination . . . . . [115]

(a) Elimination of racism and racial discrimination

(b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

Rights of peoples to self-determination . . . . . [116]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the items and heard statements by the representatives of Cuba, India, Turkey, Pakistan, Thailand, Liechtenstein, Lebanon, Eritrea and Tunisia.

The observer for Palestine also made a statement.

Right of reply

The representatives of Côte d'Ivoire, Pakistan, Israel and Lebanon, as well as by the observer for Palestine, made statements in the exercise of their right of reply.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of the items.

Fifth Committee

13th meeting

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 . . . . . [121]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Managing information in the United Nations system organizations: management information systems"

Inspector Sumihiro Kuyama of the Joint Inspection Unit, introduced the report of the Unit (A/58/82).

The representative of the Secretariat of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination introduced the comments of the Secretary-General and of the Board (A/58/82/Add.1).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/58/389).

Information technology

The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services introduced the reports of the Secretary-General (A/57/620 and A/58/377).

The related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions were contained in documents (A/58/7 and A/58/7/Corr.1).

Statements were made by the representatives of Canada (on behalf of Australia, New Zealand and Canada) and Pakistan.

Development account

Comprehensive review of the post structure of the Secretariat

Cost implications of providing more predictable and adequate conference services to the meetings of regional and other major groupings of Member States

Proportion of General Service staff to Professional staff in the regional commissions

Improving and modernizing the conference facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi

Additional expenditures deriving from inflation and currency fluctuations

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division introduced the reports of the Secretary-General (A/58/404, A/58/398, A/58/397, A/58/403, A/58/530 and A/58/400).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related reports of that Committee (A/58/7/Add.5 and A/58/7/Add.6).

United Nations Fund for International Partnerships

The Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for International Partnerships introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/58/173).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally introduced the related report of that Committee.

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, the United States, Pakistan, Botswana and Nigeria.

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division and the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for International Partnerships replied to questions raised.

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 . . . . . [121]

(A/58/6, A/58/6/Corr.1, A/58/6 (Introduction), A/58/6 (Sect. 1), A /58/6 (Sect. 2), A/58/6 (Sect. 3), A/58/6 (Sect. 3)/Corr.1, A/58/6 (Sect. 3)/Corr.2, A/58/6 (Sect. 4), A/58/6 (Sect. 5), A/58/6 (Sect. 6), A/58/6 (Sect. 7), A/58/6 (Sect. 8), A/58/6 (Sect. 9), A/58/6 (Sect. 10), A/58/6 (Sect. 11), A/58/6 (Sect. 12), A/58/6 (Sect. 13), A/58/6 (Sect. 13)/Add.1, A/58/6 (Sect. 14)/Rev.1, A/58/6 (Sect. 15), A/58/6 (Sect. 16), A/58/6 (Sect. 17), A/58/6 (Sect. 18), A/58/6 (Sect. 19), A/58/6 (Sect. 20), A/58/6 (Sect. 21), A/58/6 (Sect. 22), A/58/6 (Sect. 23), A/58/6 (Sect. 24), A/58/6 (Sect. 25), A/58/6 (Sect. 26), A/58/6 (Sect. 27), A/58/6 (Sect. 28), A/58/6 (Sect. 29), A/58/6 (Sect. 30), A/58/6 (Sect. 31), A/58/6 (Sect. 32), A/58/6 (Sect. 33), A/58/6 (Sect. 34), A/58/6 (Sect. 35), A/58/6 (Income sect. 1), A/58/6 (Income sect. 2), A/58/6 (Income sect. 3), A/58/7 and A/58/7/Corr.1)

Statements were made by the representatives of Oman, Mauritius (on behalf of the Alliance of Small Islands Developing States), Cuba, Uruguay, New Zealand and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Controller made a concluding statement and replied to questions raised.

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division also replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this item would begin on the same day, Friday, 31 October, in the afternoon, under the chairmanship of Mr. Aizaz Chaudhry (Pakistan).

Strengthening of the United Nations system . . . . . [59]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Controller introduced the reports of the Secretary-General (A/57/786, A/58/395 and A/58/395/Corr.1).

Inspector Muhammad Yussuf of the Joint Inspection Unit introduced the report of the Unit (A/58/375).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced and orally corrected the related report of that Committee (A/58/7/Add.5).

Organization of work

Following a proposal by the Chairman, statements were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Egypt and Cuba.

The Chairman also made a statement.

Sixth Committee

19th meeting

International convention against the reproductive cloning of human beings . . . . [158]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 158.

A statement was made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on behalf of the States members of the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-fifth session . [152]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 152.

Statements were made by the representatives of Slovenia, Guatemala, Portugal, the Netherlands, Sweden (on behalf of the Nordic Countries), Italy, France, China, Japan, Romania, Cyprus, Chile, Argentina, Austria and Poland.

Economic and Social Council

Resumed substantive session 2003

51st meeting

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters . . . . . [1]

Application of Intergovernmental organizations for observer status with the Economic and Social Council (E/2003/104)

The Council had before document E/2003/104 containing the application of an intergovernmental organization, the Helsinki Commission (HELCOM), requesting observer status with the Economic and Social Council.

The President of the Council made a statement.

Oral decision

On the recommendation of the President of the Council, the Council decided to grant observer status to the Helsinki Commission with the Economic and Social Council.

Regional cooperation . . . . . [10]

The President of the Council brought to the attention of the Council document E/2003/15/Add.2.

The Council concluded consideration of item 10.

Economic and environmental questions . . . . . [13]

(h) International cooperation in tax matters

The Council resumed consideration of item 13 (h).

Oral decision

On the recommendation of the President of the Council, the Council decided to endorse the request that the Ad Hoc Working Group meet in Geneva from 15 to 19 December 2003.

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters . . . . . [1]

Elections to fill outstanding vacancies

Commission on Science and Technology for Development

The Council elected Greece by acclamation to fill a postponed vacancy on the Commission for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2006.

The Council was reminded of two outstanding vacancies on the Commission from the Western European and other States group which remained unfilled from previous elections.

Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting

The Council elected Ethiopia, Italy, Malta and Portugal by acclamation to fill postponed vacancies on the Working Group for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2005.

The Council also elected Benin, Brazil, Cyprus, Poland and Thailand by acclamation to fill postponed vacancies on the Working Group for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2004.

The representative of Senegal made a statement.

The Council postponed the election of two members from Asian States, two members from Latin American and Caribbean States and three members from Western European and other States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2005; and two members from Asian States, one member from Eastern European States and two members from Latin American and Caribbean States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2004.

International Narcotics Control Board

The Council proceeded to elect one member to the Board by secret ballot to fill a vacancy arising from the resignation of Ms. Rosa María del Castillo (Peru).

The President informed the Council that, in addition to the candidates proposed by the Governments of Greece, Serbia and Montenegro and Thailand, the Government of Jamaica had withdrawn its proposed candidate.

The representatives of Japan and Peru served as tellers.

The results of the secret ballot were as follows:

	Votes
Melvyn Levitsky (United States of America)	35
Dann M. Michols (Canada)	13
Abdel Karim Ibrahim (Lebanon)	3
Javier-Alberto Zaragoza Aguado (Spain)	2
Vladimir Levitanov (Belarus)	1
Vlatko Gligorov (Bulgaria)	0
Peter Zdravkov Poptchev (Bulgaria)	0

Having obtained the required majority, Melvyn Levitsky (United States of America) was declared elected.

Executive Board of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

The Council elected El Salvador, Mexico, the Philippines and Spain by acclamation to the newly established Executive Board for a term beginning, exceptionally, on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2006.

The Council postponed the election of two members from African States, one member from Asian States, two members from Eastern European States and one member from Western European and other States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2006.

Committee for the United Nations Population Award

The Council elected Belarus, Cameroon, Guyana and the Islamic Republic of Iran by acclamation to fill postponed vacancies on the Committee for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2004.

The Council postponed the election of one member from Latin American and Caribbean States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2004.

Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme

The Council elected Israel by acclamation to fill a vacancy on the Governing Council for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2004.

Programme Coordination Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (UNAIDS)

The Council elected France to the Board for a one-year term beginning on 1 January 2004 to replace Germany, which was resigning its seat.

Executive Board of the World Food Programme

The Council elected Greece and Norway by acclamation to fill postponed vacancies on the Executive Board for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2004.

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

Human Rights Committee
Seventy-ninth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

Thursday, 30 October 2003

2153rd–2154th meeting (closed)

The Committee adopted the concluding observations of the Philippines.

Friday, 31 October 2003

2155th meeting (closed)

The Special Rapporteur reported on the follow-up on concluding observations.

2156th meeting *Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant* [6]

The Committee considered the fourth periodic report of Sri Lanka.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (with Protocols I, II and III). Geneva, 10 October 1980

Accession: Honduras (30 October 2003)[1]

Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices as amended on 3 May 1996 (Protocol II as amended on 3 May 1996) annexed to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects. Geneva, 3 May 1996

Consent to be bound: Honduras (30 October 2003)[1]

Additional Protocol to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (Protocol IV, entitled Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons). Vienna, 13 October 1995

Consent to be bound: Honduras (30 October 2003)[1]

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty. New York, 10 September 1996

Ratification: Honduras (30 October 2003)[1]

Convention on biological diversity. Rio de Janeiro, 5 June 1992

Ratification: Thailand (31 October 2003)[1]

United Nations Convention Against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003

Opening for signature

The above Convention was adopted on 31 October 2003, during the plenary meeting of the General Assembly at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

The Convention will be open for signature from 9 to 11 December 2003 at the "Centro de Convenciones y Exposiciones Yucatán Siglo XXI" in Mérida, Mexico, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until 9 December 2005 by all States and by regional economic integration organizations, provided that at least one Member State of such organization is a signatory to the Convention.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in the possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Convention could, as necessary, provide copies of the required full powers by *4 December 2003* to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org). Original instruments of full powers should be provided to the depositary representative at the signature ceremony.

Other announcements

Women's International Forum

There will be a meeting of the Women's International Forum on Tuesday, 4 November 2003, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. H.E. Mr. William H. Luers, President of the United Nations Association of the United States (UNA-USA), will be the speaker.

DPI/NGO briefing

This week, the topic of the DPI/NGO briefing will be "After Cancún: New Opportunities?" The Briefing will be held on Thursday, 6 November 2003, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Tala Dowlatshahi, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-1859).

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of November 2003 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Sierra Leone
H.E. Mr. Joe Robert Pemagbi

Asian States:
Philippines
H.E. Mr. Lauro Baja, Jr.

Eastern European States:
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Mr. Dimce Nikolov
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Cuba
H.E. Mr. Bruno Rodríguez Parrilla

Western European and other States:
Finland
H.E. Ms. Marjatta Rasi

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Presidency of the Security Council:
www.un.org/Docs/sc/presidency
www.un.org/french/docs/sc/presidency/

Security Council:
www.un.org/sc

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism:
www.un.org/arabic/documents/SCCommittees/1373
www.un.org/chinese/aboutun/prinorgs/sc/committees/1373/1373.htm
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Economic and Social Council:
www.un.org/esa/coordination/ecosoc

Italian presidency of the European Union:
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Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on 31 October 2003.

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A/58/PV.21 Meeting held on 2 October 2003, 10 a.m. [E]

General Assembly	Documents
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A/58/446	Item 149 — United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/58/477	Item 88 — Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories — Report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) [A C E F R S]
A/58/478	Items 89 and 12 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations — Report of the Economic and Social Council — Report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) [A C E F R S]
A/58/L.12	Item 27 — 17-Power draft resolution — Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic [A C E F R S]
	2003 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities
A/CONF.204/1	Operational activities for development of the United Nations system — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
	First Committee
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